



The City of Jonestown is located on FM 1431 in northern Travis County, Texas, approximately 20 miles northwest of the City of Austin, and nine miles west of the intersection of U.S. 183 and FM 1431, in the heart of one of the fastest growing population areas in Texas. Often referred to as the "Gateway to the Hill Country", the City of Jonestown offers the amenities of a country lifestyle, combined with a location convenient to Austin.

Jonestown has existed as a populated rural community since it was originally settled by the Jones brothers, Emmett and Warren in the late 1930's. Around 1940, Warren built the first commercial structure in what is now Jonestown. When Mansfield Dam was increased in height, and Lake Travis was filled, the development of Jonestown as a lake resort became possible. Begun at first as a haven for weekend fishermen and boaters, more and more people built their permanent residence here and commuted to work in Austin. A few fishing cabins still remain, but large, new homes are being built on estate lots in gated communities, many with lake-front or lake views.

The City of Jonestown incorporated as a General Law City in 1985, as did other small towns around the area, in response to the City of Austin's aggressive move to incorporate the Colorado River bed as far as Marble Falls. The widening and straightening of FM 1431 to Highway 183 in 1982 enhanced this population change and provided a most eye-pleasing Farm to Market Road where folks come to start the tour of the Highland Lakes. It rapidly grew from an incorporated population of 683 in 1988 to a population of 1,681 as reported in the 2000 Census. It is estimated at over 2000 at present time.